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24 August 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 24 August 1965

Cline noted that he had spoken with [] regarding the DCI's interest in having further drone operations in the Hanoi area to activate the SAM's. He reported that [] was in agreement with the DCI and further operations will be executed; however, there is a rather short supply of these drones. He noted a memorandum which he had had prepared regarding the favorable ChiCom exchange position due to their trade with Hong Kong. He requested further guidance on the DCI's interest in having a daily briefing, at the Morning Meeting, on an item of current interest. (See Action item 1)

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R. Jack Smith noted that two USN aircraft were down in NVN. He tabled a memorandum on the mobility of SA-2's in North Vietnam. (See Action item 2) Lastly, he noted the increasingly neutral position of North Korea in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

Abbot Smith tabled a BNE memo, "Don't Forget Europe." In response to a question from the DCI, he reported that the SNIE on the reaction to the deployment of three U.S. Divisions to Laos would be ready next week. He also reported that the 11 series of NIE's will begin coming to USIB shortly.

Bannerman noted a favorable letter from GSA concerning a cafeteria for the Agency buildings in the Rosslyn area.

Peer deSilva initiated a discussion of the interrelationship between the SNIE on three divisions to Laos and the USIB study on logistics support for the Viet Cong. It was agreed that the cart was before the horse in this case. (See Action item 3) deSilva will speak to General Goodpaster concerning the need to place additional emphasis on Viet Cong logistics in the interrogation of VC prisoners and/or defectors.

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[] response to a question from the DDCI, he reported that MIG-21's which were at the U-2's altitude were not effective []

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[] (See Action item 4) He noted that another U-2 flight was alerted to cover Hainan Island tonight. (See Action item 5)

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The DDCI noted that [] is the prime candidate for the Chairmanship of COMOR, and the DCI agreed. Cline will informally brief General Carroll and the DCI will announce the appointment at USIB. DDCI noted a request from Crockett for Agency assistance in planning the State Senior Seminar.

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The DCI noted that he plans to brief General Eisenhower soon. McGeorge Bundy will inform the President. (See Action item 6)

ACTIONS

1. (a) The DCI requested a daily briefing, at the Morning Meeting, on any item of current interest.

(b) The DCI requested a weekly memorandum which would review the entire world situation. (DDI)

2. The DCI requested that letters be drafted for his signature to SecDef, Vance, et al, inviting their attention to the memorandum on the mobility of the SA-2 system in North Vietnam. (DDI)

3. The DCI requested a letter for his signature be prepared which would point out to General Johnson that the "cart was before the horse" in connection with the USIB study on logistics support to the Viet Cong and the SNIE on reaction to the deployment of three U.S. Divisions to Laos. (DDI/BNE)

4. The DCI requested that a letter be prepared for his signature furnishing D/NRO with a checklist as to the [] SAC U-2's. (DDS&T)

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5. The DCI requested that COMOR re-examine on an urgent basis the necessity for U-2 coverage of Hainan Island. (DDS&T)

6. The DCI requested that briefing papers be prepared immediately for his meeting with General Eisenhower. (DDI)

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